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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
File No. I. O. D. 825
Date 18-1-30

S. B. Chinese Section. January 17th 1930.

Further Report re-Alleged Communist in Sing Ming(新民) College, No.80 Connaught Road.

Sir,

Reference to the attached, Mr. Lee Fung Ding(李風亭), Dean of the Sing Ming University(新民大學), No. 80 Connaught Road, interviewed, stated that the student Lee Sang Shu(李尚儒), who made allegation against him in connection with the communist literature found concealed in the Sing Ming University [redacted] absconded on the night of December 23, 1929, the very day he brought him back to school for question. Mr. Lee Fung Ding further stated that he has made inquiries and is of the opinion that the literature which found in the school, was put there by Lee Sang Shu. Since the departure from the school of Lee Sang Shu no further untoward incident has occurred in the school. Inquiries made by us among students in the school failed to discover the origin of the literature mentioned.

Literature more "Leftist" than communist
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Officer i/c Special Branch.

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17:5:30

C. D. I.

DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Telephone — C. 743.

C.I.D. HEADQUARTERS.
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

31. 12. 1929

AC (Pol.)

Police action O.K. up to the present but we should try to find out where the literature came from

Lt. D. I. Robertson (Criminal Section) For attention please.

L. C. Vieira a/DC1

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL P
G. FILE REGISTRY
No. 1. a D. 825
Date 31.12.29

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

S. B. Chinese Section. December 30, 1929.

Further Report re-Alleged Communists in Sing Ming(新民)College, No.80 Connaught Road.

Sir,

Reference to the attached, General Chang Yao Ching (張堯卿), an ex-Tuchun of Kiangsu, who lives in Hardoon Road, and who is interested in the welfare of the Sing Ming College, came to our Intelligence Office, on December 4, to see Mr. Tan Shao-liang (C.A.) in respect of inquiries that had been made by the Loong Hwa Military Authorities as result of an anonymous report they had received about Communists in the College. General Chang stated that this report had been found to be false, and that it had been apparently made out of revenge against the Dean of the College who had been responsible for frustration of a plot among certain of the students to misapporpriate some $20,000, funds of the college.

Mr. Tan Shao-liang, who at this time did not know that we were making inquiries in respect of reports of Communists in this college, referred General Chang to C.D.I. Robertson, who after hearing what the General had to say, asked that the Dean be brought up for inquiries.

On December 23, General Chang and the Dean, Lee Fung Ding(李鳳亭), came up to our Intelligence Office, and at that time Lee Zang Shu(李尚儒), was in our office reporting that the time was opportune for us to go and search the Dean's rooms in the College, as he had seen a parcel of Communistic literature there. From this ~~time~~ man's attitude under interrogation, and his anxiety to have the Dean's quarters searched, and the Dean arrested at that time, and from what we had learned from General Chang, and the Dean himself, we were of the opinion that there was something extraordinary behind Lee Zang Shu's reports and decided on the action we took, which resulted in confirmation of our opinion, as Lee Zang Shu then told us that the literature he had

seen in the Dean's room had been put there by some of the students, but he refused to disclose their names. General Chang and the Dean heard this statement and when they went back to the College the parcel of literature was found by them as Lee Zang Shu stated, and they brought it to our office the next day, December 24, thinking no doubt th t was the correct thing to do. It seemed quite evident that Lee Zang Shu was a party to the plot against the Dean, who informed us that he had recently noticed something strange in the movements of Lee Zang Shu, who had been first in the school in the morning and last to leave at night, which was unusual, and would give him opportunity to enter rooms where he had no legitimate business and probably put the literature where it was found himself, although he did not blame him altogether.

Unless information had leaked out from Gordon Road Station, or the Court, the Dean could not know that we had the case in hand or hand a Search Warrant, and if he did know it was not likely that he would knowingly keep incriminating evidence in his place.

The result of our inquiries showed that Lee Zang Shu was in the wrong, and the Dean would have prosecuted him, but decided that it might reflect on the reputation of the college to have its name through the Court and Press under such circumstances, and that it probably would not be approved of by the committee and government of the school who are people of high standing and not likely to tolerate communism.

The reason they took Lee Zang Shu back to the school was apparently with a view to getting him to disclose the names of those responsible for the plot against the Dean and the others concerned.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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A[illegible] Hong have that the J.W. Jones report makes the situation clear. [illegible] 30/12/29

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C. I. D. REGISTRY
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

December 28, 1929.

To Chinese Section.

Please make a further report explaining the following points:-

1) What reasons did the Dean, Lee Fung Ding (李風亭), give for bringing the literature to Headquarters instead of taking it to a Police station?

2) Would it be possible that information reached him that the report made at Gordon Road Station had been sent to you to be dealt with or that a search warrant had been issued on your application?

3) Apart from statements made by parties directly interested, what evidence is there that students, who had a grudge against Lee Fung Ding (李風亭), placed reactionary literature in his quarters?

4) If there is no absolute proof of the falsity of the accusation against Lee Fung Ding, why was the name of the informer, Lee Zang Shu (李[illegible]), disclosed to him in view of the necessity for protecting people who give information and the dangers to which persons informing on Communists are exposed?

5) If there is absolute proof that Lee Zang Shu is in the wrong, would it not be in the public interest to prosecute him in view of the very serious charge he has made against Dean Lee Fung Ding (李風亭), and summon Lee to appear in Court as a witness?

6) How is it that Lee Fung Ding was willing to take back to his college a student who had tried to injure him in such a serious way?

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Read and noted.
28/12 Boot.

S. P. Guiens
A. C. (Pol.)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
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(C.I.D.) Office Notes

S.B. Chinese Section.

December 27th, 1929.

Alleged Communists in Sing Ming (新民) College, No.80 Connaught Road.

Sir,

Reference to the attached further investigation has disclosed the fact that the reports made by Lee Zang Shu (李尚儒) student in the Sing Ming (新民) College, No.80 Connaught Road, charging the Dean of the College Lee Fung Ding (李凤亭) and certain other students in the college, with being Communists, are groundless, and were the result of dissention between two factions among the students over an attempt by members of one faction to misappropriate some $20,000 funds of the College which was found out and prevented by Lee Fung Ding (李凤亭). The plans having been thus frustrated these students, with a view to revenge on Lee Fung Ding and his assistants, sent a petition to the Lunghwa Military Headquarters accusing them of being Communists, and evidently with a view to expediting action they sent the student Lee Zang Shu (李尚儒) to make a report to the Gordon Road Police, and at the same time procured some copies of reactionary literature which they surreptitiously concealed in the quarters used by the Dean, Lee Fung Ding (李凤亭) and the others whom they accused, so that it could be found by us if we raided the place. This literature was found by Lee Fung Ding who brought it to our office on Dec.24. The student Lee Zang Shu (李尚儒) was then called up and when confronted with the Dean, Lee Fung Ding (李凤亭), he denied stating that the latter, or any of his assistants, were communists, and he even denied making a report to that effect to the Gordon Road Police. The Dean, Lee Fung Ding (李凤亭), then informed us that this student Lee Zang Shu had no money and had been kept in the college free of charge for the past 6 months. He did not wish to prefer any charge against him

for false accusation but would like to take him back to the college to be dealt with by their President and Committee, he was therefore allowed to take him back to the college.

Having made these discoveries we did not execute the Search Warrant we had obtained against the college. The following persons are in charge of this college:-

President: Hsu Sheh Yin (許世英) Ex Minister of Communication.

Vice " Yih Kai Sheng (葉開髮) ~~Divisional~~ Commander of the 52nd Division at Changchow ~~in Hunan~~.

President of Committee: Zao Hang Tih (趙恒惕) ex-Tuchun of Hunan.

President of Law Department: Chang Yao Tsang (張耀曾) ex-Minister of Justice.

President of Literature Dept: General Hsu Shao Tseng (徐紹楨) of Canton.

Dean: Lee Fung Ding (李風亭) Brother-in-law of General Zao Hang Tih. (趙恒惕). Tuchun of Honan during Wu Pei fu regime

Officer i/c Special Branch.

C. D. I.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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S.B. Chinese Section

December 12th, 1929.

Communist Activities.

SIr,

Reference to the attached inquiries shew that there is reason to believe that a communist base for purpose of ~~discriminating~~ disseminating propaganda is situated in the staff quarters at the Sing Min (新民) College, No.80 Connaught Road and I beg to suggest that a Search Warrant be obtained to be executed at an opportune time,

Please do so

Officer i/c Special Branch.

C.D.I.

Form No. 20E (Amended Jan. 1928).
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S.M.P. C.I.D. CRIME REPORT.

December 11,1929.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
Gordon Road Police Station.
No. I. O. 322
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CONTINUATION SHEET

Report on Activities of Communists

Sir,

Lee Zang Shu (李尚德),Student at the Sing Ming College(新民大學),80 Connaught Road,reported to this Station that at 9 a.m.,this inst.,he was approached in the college by two teachers and four students who requested him to join the ranks of the Communist Party. He further states that he saw a quantity of communistic literature in the teachers' desks this morning.

The names of these communist are Lee Fung Ding(李鳳庭),Oo Tsu Foo(胡哲敷)(teachers),Sih Sz Ming(薛自明), Lee S Wei(李思尾),Wong Siau Kyui(王學椿) and Tsu Tuh Yee(倪德彝)(students). Chief Inspector Robertson was immediately informed.

One student was arrested for being in possession of pamphlets at this school on November 27,1929. (C.R.A.No.293(G.R.).

C.D.I. Promis has given his attention. Pls for look into this matter. 11.12.29

D.P/S.

C.I.(Political)

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Information
11/12/29

A.C.(Pol)
Report result please
11/12 Acs

C.D.I. Robertson
(Chinese Section)
For attention please